GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF INSULIN
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of insulin required for treatment of diabetes is fixed by the Government on the prices furnished by the importer;

(b) if so,the nature of assistance given by the Government to encourage production of insulin in the country;and

(c) whether the superior quality insulin is available in the market and the prices are reasonable;

(d) if so,the details thereof;and

(e) the provisions of regulatory inspections applied on the suppliers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Insulin is a scheduled drug under DPCO, 95 and its prices are fixed by NPPA/Government as per the paragraph 7 of the DPCO,95.The price of imported insulin is fixed on the basis of landed price of import allowing MAPE as per the provisions of the DPCO,95.

(b) No assistance is given to encourage domestic production of insulin by this Department.

(c)&(d) Various insulin preparations of standard quality are available in the market.Analogue insulin which is a superior quality of insulin is imported and is priced at higher rates as compared to traditional insulin.

(e) The suppliers of drugs are subject to regulatory inspection as per the provision of Rule 65 (6) of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules.